



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Director of Planning

At its meeting held April 27, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Yaroslavsky to instruct the Director of Planning to review the Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report to be prepared by the Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation for the proposed Cabrillo Liquefied Natural Gas Deepwater Port and to recommend to the Board whether the County should oppose the project, or suggest project alternatives or mitigation measures which would serve to protect the Santa Monica Bay and area residents from negative project impacts.

Supervisor Yaroslavsky made the following revised statement:

“The Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration of the United States Department of Transportation have announced their intent to prepare a joint environmental impact statement/environmental impact report in connection with BHP Billiton’s application to construct the Cabrillo Liquefied Natural Gas Deepwater Port. This offshore floating port, to be sited approximately 19 miles off the coast of Point Dume in Malibu, would be used to offload liquefied natural gas (LNG) from shipping tankers to an underwater pipeline.

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“The Santa Monica Bay is perhaps the most defining physical feature of Los Angeles County; it contributes untold amounts to our area’s economy and provides recreational opportunities for millions of our residents each year. The BHP Billiton proposal may potentially impact the scenic, biological and recreational values of the North Santa Monica Bay, and poses potential public safety concerns. It is in our clear interest to ensure the Bay is protected from any negative impacts resulting from this project, and to prevent the proliferation of similar off-shore facilities.”

George Minter, representing BHP Billiton, addressed the Board.

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Director of Planning was instructed to review the Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Cabrillo Liquefied Natural Gas Deepwater Port; recommend an appropriate County position on the project, or suggest project alternatives or mitigation measures which would serve to protect the Santa Monica Bay and area residents from negative project impacts should any be identified.

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